

REMARKS

Claims 2, 18, 28, 37, and 42-47 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 11, and 27 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1, 3-17, 19-27, 29-36, and 38-41 remain pending.

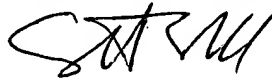
The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-17, 19-27, 29-36, and 38-41 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. As amended, claim 1 recites "...a first receiving device located at said second physical location which is receptive to said presence signal and which is operative to generate an indication to said second individual of said first individual's presence at said first physical location and to play a pre-recorded message to said second individual, said pre-recorded message selected by said first individual and stored in a memory on said first receiving device...." Claim 1 also recites "...a second receiving device located at said first physical location which is receptive to said second presence signal and which is operative to generate an indication to said first individual of said second individual's presence at said second physical location and to play a pre-recorded to said first individual, said pre-recorded selected by said second individual and stored in a memory on the second receiving device...." Richardson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5, 459,458) teaches away from the claimed invention in that pre-recorded messages comprise "...the responses a virtual pager subscriber wishes to present to a page originator." (See col. 11, line 61-col. 12, line 13). Neither Richardson et al. nor Ise (U.S. Patent No. 5,257,307) disclose or suggest the claimed invention, either individually or in combination. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable for the reasons stated above.

Claims 3-17 and 19-26 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above. Claim 27 was amended similarly to claim 1 and is also believed to be allowable for reasons similar to those stated above. Claims 29-36 and 38-41 depend from claim 27 and are also believed to be allowable for the same reasons as claims 1 and 27.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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